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Ned Dukehart, from Baltimore, came to see me this morning. I need his advice badly; it is lucky for me he is in London. I asked him to take charge of trying to rent the property at Belmont.

The High Commissioner of Malaya, Tunku Ya'acob ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Abdul Hamid Halim Shah, paid me a return call. He is keen, and fun to be with.

Henry Stebbins, U. S. Ambassador to Nepal, dropped in to see me. I have known him a long time; he was stationed in London for almost ten years.

I met two members of the Cambridge Afro-Asian Expedition, one a Turk named Demirer, the other an Englishman named Cox. They have just finished a long tour through Central Asia, and had interesting reports to make on it. Demirer is a cousin of Selma Iksel, the wife of the Turkish Ambassador who was in [redacted] Germany during our service there. She is an unusually attractive woman, full of dynamism, and gave the best parties in Bonn. With the change in the Administration in Turkey some years ago, her husband was dropped out of the Foreign Office, so they are now living in retirement near Nice. I hope he will be reinstated.

I lunched today at the Turf with John Marriott and Derek Hoyer Millar (now a Viscount with a Scottish name which I have not yet mastered).

I put on my gray morning coat and top hat to attend with E the Queen's Garden Party this afternoon. It is the one to which our compatriots are invited. There was no rain, the spectacle was fine, and most of the Diplomatic Corps, starting with the "S" countries, were there, as well as many miscellaneous friends.

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I met for the first time Lord Cholmondeley. We had a long talk about polo and his early sporting days in the United States. When I first came to England, he was Lord Rocksavage, and disputed with the elderly Lord Ribblesdale and Hugh Sefton the reputation of being the handsomest man in the islands. He must now be in his 70's,